Listing of claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) In a mobile client device, a method of operation comprising:

determining by the mobile client device, a first audio volume level at which the
mobile client device is being utilized by a user for a first audio signal; and

the mobile client device providing a second audio signal at a second audio volume level to the user, the second audio volume level being based at least in part on the first audio volume level initially.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining comprises the mobile client device determining a first audio volume level at which the mobile client device is being utilized by a user for a first audio signal corresponding to music associated with output of at least one of an MP3 player and a radio included with the mobile client device.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said providing comprises the mobile client device providing a second audio signal corresponding to a ring tone associated alert for at least a selected one from the group consisting of an incoming call, a received indication of a text message, and a wireless mobile phone system utilities warning.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the mobile client device incrementally increasing the second audio volume level from the initial volume level based at least in part on the first audio volume level.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said incrementally increasing the second audio volume level comprises incrementally increasing the second audio volume level to an upper audio volume level limit of the mobile client device.

- 6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said incrementally increasing the second audio volume level comprises incrementally increasing the second audio volume level by a selected one of a constant increment and an increasing increment.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining comprises the mobile client device determining a first audio volume level measured as audio power levels.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said determining a first audio volume level comprises the mobile client device determining a first audio volume level measured as at least one of volts, watts, and decibels.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said providing comprises the mobile client device mixing said first and second audio signals.
- 10. (Original) A wireless mobile phone comprising:

a first audio resource, the first audio resource equipped to provide a first audio signal at a first audio volume level at which the mobile phone is being utilized by a user for the first audio signal; and

a second audio resource, wherein the second audio resource is equipped to provide a second audio signal at a second audio volume level to the user, the second audio volume level being based at least in part on the first audio volume level initially.

- 11. (Original) The wireless mobile phone of claim 10, wherein the first audio resource comprises at least one of an MP3 player and a radio.
- 12. (Original) The wireless mobile phone of claim 10, wherein the second audio resource comprises an audio resource equipped to receive a delivery of a message alert to the user.

- 13. (Original) The wireless mobile phone of claim 12, wherein the audio resource equipped to receive a delivery of a message alert comprises a ring tone generator.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The wireless mobile phone of claim 12, wherein the audio resource equipped to receive a delivery of a message alert comprises an audio resource equipped to receive a delivery of a message alert for at least a selected one from the group consisting of an incoming call, a received indication of a text message, and a wireless mobile phone system utilities warning.
- 15. (Original) The wireless mobile phone of claim 10, wherein the second audio resource further comprises a second audio resource equipped to incrementally increase the second audio volume level from the initial volume level based at least in part on the first audio volume level.
- 16. (Original) The wireless mobile phone of claim 15, wherein the second audio resource equipped to incrementally increase the second audio volume level comprises a second audio resource equipped to incrementally increase the second audio volume level to an upper audio volume level limit of the wireless mobile phone.
- 17. (Original) The wireless mobile phone of claim 15, wherein the second audio resource equipped to incrementally increase the second audio volume level comprises a second audio resource equipped to incrementally increase the second audio volume level by a selected one of a constant increment and an increasing increment.
- 18. (Original) The wireless mobile phone of claim 10, wherein the first and second audio volumes levels comprises a first and second audio volume levels measured as audio power levels.

- 19. (Original) The wireless mobile phone of claim 18, wherein the audio power levels comprises audio power levels measured in at least one of volts, watts, and decibels.
- 20. (Original) The wireless mobile phone of claim 10 further comprising a mixer, the mixer equipped to mix the first and second audio signals.

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29. (Original) A mobile client device comprising:

a storage medium having stored therein a plurality of programming instructions, which when executed, the instructions cause the mobile client device to determine a first audio volume level at which the mobile client device is being utilized by a user for a first audio signal, and provide a second audio signal at a second audio volume level to the user, the second audio volume level being based at least in part on the first audio volume level initially; and

a processor coupled to the storage medium to execute the programming instructions.

- 30. (Original) The mobile client device of claim 29, wherein said programming instructions, which when executed, cause the mobile client device to determine a first audio volume level at which the mobile client device is being utilized by a user for a first audio signal corresponding to music associated with output of at least one of an MP3 player and a radio included with the mobile client device.
- 31. (Currently amended) The mobile client device of claim 29, wherein said programming instructions, which when executed, cause the mobile client device to provide a second audio signal corresponding to a ring tone associated alert for at least a selected one from the group consisting of an incoming call, a received indication of a text message, and a wireless mobile phone system utilities warning.

- 32. (Original) The mobile client device of claim 29, wherein said programming instructions, which when executed, cause the mobile client device to incrementally increase the second audio volume level from the initial volume level based at least in part on the first audio volume level.
- 33. (Original) The mobile client device of claim 29, wherein said programming instructions, which when executed, cause the mobile client device to determine a first audio volume level measured as audio power levels.